

Remarks

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2006, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following remarks. In the present application, claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 15, 22, 29, 35, and 42 have been amended and claims 19, 33, and 45-46 have been cancelled without prejudice. The claims have been amended to clarify that the RSS (Rich Site Summary) file is used to render a separate news story data file from a subscriber web site which displays a link to a reader selected one of the news stories and without the reader being transferred to a news vendor web site, wherein the news story data file contains a reader selected one of the news stories and resides on the subscriber web site, wherein the RSS file contains a directory listing which identifies a name of a rendering file used by the news story rendering application to locate the selected news story, and wherein the name of the rendering file is the same as a name of the news story data file. Support for these amendments may be found paragraphs 28-29, 65, 67-71, and Appendix II in the Specification. No new matter has been added.

In the Office Action, claims 1-2, 5-11, 15-19, 22-31, 33-37, and 40-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable as being anticipated by Parks (U.S. Patent 6,596,031) in view of Dave Winer, "ScriptingNews 2.0b1," [http://my.userland.com/stories/storyReader\\$11](http://my.userland.com/stories/storyReader$11), June 15, 1999 (hereinafter "Dave").

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-2, 5-11, 15-19, 22-31, 33-37, and 40-46 are rejected as being unpatentable over Parks in view of Dave. Claims 19, 33, and 45-46 have been cancelled without prejudice, rendering the rejection of these claims moot. The rejection of the remaining claims is respectfully traversed.

Amended independent claim 1 specifies a system for distributing one or more news stories to a reader. The system includes a computer accessible to the reader, the computer having a display device viewable by the reader, a web browser executing on the computer, the web browser having a graphical user interface, a list of titles corresponding to the one or more news stories, the list appearing as a portion of a web page in the graphical user interface, a selection device used by the reader to select one of the news stories to view, and a news story rendering application executing on the computer that uses an RSS file to render a separate news story data file from a subscriber web site which displays a link to a reader selected one of the news stories and without the reader being transferred to a news vendor web site, wherein the news story data file contains a reader selected one of the news stories and resides on the subscriber web site, wherein the RSS file contains a directory listing which identifies a name of a rendering file used by the news story rendering application to locate the selected news story, wherein the name of the rendering file is the same as a name of the news story data file, wherein the rendering file instructs the web browser how to display data in the graphical user interface, and wherein the news story data file is rendered so that it is viewable in the graphical user interface in accordance with the instructions in the news story rendering file and the data in the news story data file.

It is respectfully submitted that the combination of Parks and Dave fails to teach, disclose, or suggest each of the features specified in amended independent claim 1. For example, the combination of the cited references fails to teach that the RSS (Rich Site Summary) file is used to render a separate news story data file from a subscriber web site which displays a link to a reader selected one of the news stories and without the reader being transferred to a news vendor web site, wherein the news story data file contains a reader selected one of the news stories and resides on the subscriber web site, wherein the RSS file contains a directory listing

which identifies a name of a rendering file used by the news story rendering application to locate the selected news story, and wherein the name of the rendering file is the same as a name of the news story data file.

As discussed in the Applicants' previous response, Parks merely discloses a "parser" used for verifying a news document in NMSL format by replacing omitted tags or by filling in tags with default values (see Fig. 2B and col. 8, lines 1-65). Parks is silent with respect to an RSS file (the Office Action concedes Parks fails to disclose an RSS file) used to render a separate news story data file from a subscriber web site which displays a link to a reader selected news story (Parks only refers to news story documents being stored on a file storage that may reside on a server or client system – see col. 7, lines 6-9), a news story data file which resides on the subscriber web site, an RSS file containing a directory listing which identifies a name of a rendering file used by a news story rendering application to locate a selected news story, and a rendering file having the same name as a news story data file (see Figs. 2A-D; col. 6, line 57 through col. 8, line 65; and col. 19, lines 4-5). Dave fails to cure the deficiencies of Parks in that the reference merely discloses the limitations of the RSS file format for use by news vendor web sites (see pages 1-3). Furthermore, Dave fails to teach, disclose, or suggest rendering a separate news story data file from a subscriber web site which displays a link to a reader selected one of the news stories and without the reader being transferred to a news vendor web site. As is known to those skilled in the art, the conventional RSS file format merely provides links to news (i.e., vendor) sites. Upon a user selecting a link, the user or reader is transferred to the vendor's web site to access the information identified by the link. Dave validates this conventional usage on page 3 (see paragraph starting with "Differences between <scriptingNews> and RSS") where a web address is discussed with respect to linking to multiple pages. As specified in amended

independent claim 1, a news story data file resides on a subscriber web site (the site displaying a link to the news story) and the news story is rendered to the reader in a browser without the reader being transferred to the vendor or news web site. Moreover, since Dave seems to merely reference the conventional RSS format, it should also be pointed out that the conventional version of this format also fails to support directory listings which identify a name of a rendering file used by a news story rendering application to locate a selected news story or that the name of the rendering file is the same as a name of a news story data file.

Based on the foregoing, the combination of Parks and Dave fails to teach, disclose, or suggest each of the features specified in amended independent claim 1. Therefore, amended independent claim 1 is allowable and the rejection of this claim should be withdrawn.

Claims 2 and 5-7 depend from amended independent claim 1, specify at least the same features, and are thus allowable for at least the same reasons. Independent claims 8, 15, 22, 29, 35, and 42 recite similar features as amended independent claim 1 and are thus also allowable for at least the same reasons. Claims 9-11, 16-18, 23-26, 30-31, 34, 36-37, 40-41, and 43-44 depend from amended independent claims 8, 15, 22, 29, 35, and 42 respectively, and are thus also allowable for at least the same reasons. Therefore, the rejection of claims 9-11, 16-18, 23-26, 30-31, 34, 36-37, 40-41, and 43-44 should also be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

No fees are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

Respectfully submitted,

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